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SUBJ: CYPRUS AIRWAYS DC-9 AIRCRAFT

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1. FIRST OF TWO DC-9-15 AIRCRAFT ON ONE YEAR LEASE FROM
MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS (MD-D) TO CYPRUS AIRWAYS (CY) ARRIVED
LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON AUGUST 25 WITH SECOND
AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AUGUST 30. FIRST REVENUE
FLIGHT TOOK PLACE EVENING AUG. 27 WITH 77 PASSENGERS TO
ATHENS AND 61 PASSENGERS ON TURN AROUND LEG BACK TO
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LARNACA. AIRCRAFT HAD ALLOWABLE GROSS WEIGHT TO SPARE.

AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY CONFIGURED WITH 80 ECONOMY CLASS SEATS. FIRST SCHEDULED FLIGHT SEPT. 1 TO ATHENS AND LONDON.

2. UNDER TERMS OF CONTRACT MD-D IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING AIRCRAFT IN COMMISSION, HAS CONTRACT WITH KLM FOR COMPLETE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT EUROPE. ON LENGTHY AIRCRAFT-ON-GROUND SITUATION (AOG) KLM WILL SUPPLY REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. CY IS IN IATA MAINTENANCE POOL FOR AERGENCY CALL ON SPACES. ONE MD-D TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE PERMANENTLY BASED IN CYPRUS.

3. BRITISH AIRWAYS (BA) RETAINS 22.7 PERCENT SHARE OWNERSHIP OF CY BUT WILL PLAY NO PART IN MAINTENANCE OR SERVICING CY AIRCRAFT AS IN PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS WHEN CY WAS FLYING ALL-BRITISH EQUIPMENT. BA HAS APPROACHED CY FOR PART-TIME LEASE OF CY DC-9 AIRCRAFT TO MEET BA CAPACITY SHORTAGE ON CERTAIN BA EUROPEAN RUNS. CY HAS INFORMED BA IT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE UP TO 20 HOURS PER WEEK DC-9 UTILIZATION CONTINGENT UPON CY SUCCESSFULLY ARRANGING FOR LEASE OF 3RD DC-9-15 ON TERMS SIMILAR TO PRESENT LEASE WITH MD-D. BA PURCHASE OF 20 HOURS/WEEK WOULD HAVE CY FLY ON BA SCHEDULE AS BA FLIGHTS. MD-D PRESENTLY TRYING TO OBTAIN 3RD DC-9-15 FROM KLM (ALM).

4. SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER CY SCHEDULE PER WIIK CALLS FOR 23 DC-9 FLIGHTS TO ATHENS INCLUDING THREE ATHENS FLIGHTS TO CONTINUE ON TO LONDON. SIMILAR SCHEDULE IN REVERSE. CY HAS STOP OVER TRAFFIC RIGHTS AT ATHENS ON LARNACA-LONDON AND RETURN AND THREE TIMES WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO TEL AVIV RETURN TO CONTINUE TO BE SERVICED BY VISCOUNT VC08 AIRCRAFT.

5. LARNACA AIRPORT RUNWAY 04/22 PRESENT LENGTH 5200 FEET AND WIDTH 100 FEET TO BE ENLARGED TO 6500 WITH 200 SOFT OVERRUN AND 150 FEET WIDTH BY APRIL 1, 1976.
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